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Tarring Hindi letters in the name boards in railway stations.

* 209 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many railway stations the members of the Dravida Kazhagam tarred the Hindi letters in the name boards of the stations in Tamil Nad in 1953; and

(*b*) whether the Government took any action against the members concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Government do not consider it advisable to encourage this disorderly conduct by collecting and advertising the figure.

" (*b*) Government decided to ignore the stunt and disappoint the organizers. However, owing to clashes between rival groups at Sathur and Virudhunagar the police had to take some persons into custody to prevent serious breaches of the peace."

Pariyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Chirakkal taluk.

* 210 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to give any yearly grant to Pariyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No proposals in the matter have so far been received from the Sanatorium authorities."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, there is only one tuberculosis sanatorium in Malabar and T.B. cases are increasing in this district. The institution is run by public contributions. As public contributions are not forthcoming satisfactorily, there is every likelihood of the general ward in the sanatoriam being closed down. Will the Government be pleased to give a grant for maintaining the sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" When proposals come in connexion with the maintenance, they will be duly considered."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" What facilities are given to the in-patients admitted in the sanatorium and may I know what the total strength is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is a private sanatorium. I have no information."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have given an outright grant in lieu of buildings and equipment which the sanatorium has already earned by having put up costly structures and importing costly apparatus, in respect of which the Government is bound to make a grant and secondly may I know whether the Government is aware that although the sanatorium buildings are standing by, patients are not being admitted for want of funds, particularly in a place like Malabar where tuberculosis is of frequent occurrence? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have given a portion of the grant sanctioned for the building of the sanatorium. As regards the maintenance grants, I have already said that no proposals have so far been received."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the exact amount granted, because, I believe, the original grant that was sanctioned was Rs. 2 lakhs? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 2,17,940 was sanctioned and about a lakh of rupees has already been given."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there any Advisory Council for the sanatorium for giving advice and guidance and, if so, may I know who are the Members of that Council? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There may be a Committee, Sir. I have no information."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" As a member of the Sanatorium Committee, I am bringing to the notice of the Hon. Minister for Health who was present at the time of the inauguration that a sum of Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs has yet to be paid. Will the Government consider the desirability of making over at least the earned amount of Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs so that the sanatorium which is now almost in a static condition, may run? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter will be very sympathetically considered, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, when the institution is in such difficulty, why the whole grant was not paid during this time? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A provision of Rs. 1 lakh was made in the current year's Budget and I think that has been paid."

Housing industrial workers in Madras.

* 211 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any conference was held at Secretariat on 16th February 1954 and any scheme drawn up at a cost of Rs. 30,00,000 for subsidizing housing of industrial workers in the City of Madras;

(*b*) who are the contractors selected for the construction of the tenements and whether any tenders have been called for in the matter;

(*c*) the subsidy granted by the Government of India for providing housing accommodation to industrial workers;

(*d*) whether any portion of the amount is proposed to be recovered from the managements of industries;